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**Woodbrooke Online Learning**

May to December 2020





## Dear Friends, Welcome to our latest brochure.



In these uncertain and difficult times this is probably not the brochure you expected. As the world gets used to many things going online and into electronic format we have made a similar change and are sending you an ebrochure.

Although our physical site is currently closed Woodbrooke's work of supporting spiritual nurture and learning continues and I hope that this brochure conveys that to you. It shows **our new programme of online workshops and courses**, as well as those that we already had planned for this year, there are detailed descriptions to help you navigate what Woodbrooke has on offer and choose something that will speak to you

We've increased the range of what we're offering - from **one-off sessions that are free to access** (although donations are appreciated), to our already popular offering of online learning on a range of topics, to experimental offerings over a shorter time replicating a weekend at Woodbrooke.

I'm also delighted to say that we are able to offer **online workshops for Quaker meetings**, please ask us about how we can bring you together as a spiritual community even while meeting in person might be hard.

We will be updating this brochure on a regular basis as new courses later in the year come online, and our latest offerings are always on the website - at **[www.woodbrooke.org.uk/online-courses](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/online-courses)**.

We're very grateful for all the support we've had over the past six weeks since we closed - practical, spiritual, financial and prayerful. It has been hugely appreciated. I hope that you will be able to continue to support Woodbrooke over the months to come - I can promise you that we will do our very best to continue to offer learning opportunities that nurture your spirit, serve your communities and help you to engage with the world around you - whatever that may look like.

**In friendship,**

**Simon Best,**  
**Head of Learning.**



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# Online Learning Courses

Woodbrooke's learning programmes seek to support, inform and transform Quakers and others as individuals and communities. Through our learning we hope to nourish spiritual development, strengthen the Quaker community and enable and encourage work for a peaceful and just world.

MON 27 APR - FRI 15 MAY

Exploring the Quaker Tradition

## RADICAL SPIRITUALITY: THE EARLY HISTORY OF QUAKERS

Free

Learn about the beginnings of this radical religious group, as it emerged in 17th century England, with this free three week online course. With films, discussions, and quizzes, the course covers the exciting and dramatic months of 1652. Follow the course at your own pace in your own time. Suitable for individuals or Meeting groups. Find out more and sign up here: [www.futurelearn.com/courses/quakers](http://www.futurelearn.com/courses/quakers)

Tutors: Ben Pink Dandelion and Ben Wood

WED 29 APR

Experience of the Spirit

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR EVERY DAY - MORNING

09:30 (UK time) • Pay-as-Led

Together we will think about what it means to have a spiritual practice, and experiment with a simple spiritual exercise together. No previous experience necessary.

Tutor: Mark Russ

WED 29 APR

Experience of the Spirit

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR EVERY DAY - EVENING

19:30 (UK time) • Pay-as-Led

Together we will think about what it means to have a spiritual practice, and experiment with a simple spiritual exercise together. No previous experience necessary.

Tutor: Mark Russ

FRI 1 MAY

Experience of the Spirit

## THEOLOGY OF MEETING REMOTELY

10:00 (UK time) • Pay-as-Led

If I'm in my living room and you're the other side of a screen, where is God? The Light Within is with us as always in these times of change and self-isolation, but the ways in which we worship, discern, and feel the movement of the Spirit may be changing. In this open discussion workshop, we will take time to explore the questions raised by online and other forms of distant Quaker worship. How is an online meeting for worship similar and different to one held in person? What do we need in order to help us listen to the still, small voice when we have to do that in our own homes, with whatever comforts and distractions that brings?

Tutor: Rhiannon Grant

MON 11 MAY - SUN 5 JUL

Exploring the Living Quaker Tradition

## PARADISE LOST

£72

Milton's great epic is one of the most enduring and remarkable works of English literature. Over eight weeks, we'll introduce you to both the poet and his work, exploring three core questions: Who was John Milton? What was his message? And how does the poem speak to us today? In the process, we'll examine key passages, look at other source material, and interpret the poem in its historical and cultural context.

Tutor: Martin Layton



TUE 12 MAY AND THURS 14 MAY

Experience of the Spirit

## EXPLORING QUAKER SPIRITUALITY

15:00 (UK time) • Pay-as-Led

SESSION ONE

Tuesday 12 May at 15:00 – 16:00 (UK time)

SESSION TWO

Thursday 14 May at 15:00 – 16:00 (UK time)

In these two live webinars we will consider the overall shape of Quaker spirituality and explore the spiritual underpinnings of Quaker ways and practice. This will include the early Quaker vision, worship, discernment and testimony.

*Both webinars will be recorded for those who can't attend the live session.*

Tutor: Stuart Masters

WED 13 MAY

## Engagement in the World **HOPE AS PRACTICE**

14:00 (UK time) • Pay-as-Led

Can hope be more powerful than simple optimism? What does it mean to 'practise hope'? How do we maintain hope when things seem to be getting worse rather than better? In this workshop we'll explore different perspectives on hope and think about how they speak to us as Quakers. Participants will also have the opportunity to try out practices that can strengthen hope. We'll reflect together on how to generate and renew hope to strengthen our collective capacity to bear witness in the world.

*This course will draw on the work of Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone, [www.activehope.info](http://www.activehope.info) and David Gee [www.hopeswork.org](http://www.hopeswork.org) and participants will work on their own story of hope.*

**Tutor:** Tracey Martin • Elder: Mark Russ



THU 14 MAY

## Experience of the Spirit **THEOLOGY OF MEETING REMOTELY**

16:00 (UK time) • Pay-as-Led

If I'm in my living room and you're the other side of a screen, where is God? The Light Within is with us as always in these times of change and self-isolation, but the ways in which we worship, discern, and feel the movement of the Spirit may be changing. In this open discussion workshop, we will take time to explore the questions raised by online and other forms of distant Quaker worship. How is an online meeting for worship similar and different to one held in person? What do we need in order to help us listen to the still, small voice when we have to do that in our own homes, with whatever comforts and distractions that brings?

**Tutor:** Rhiannon Grant

MON 18 MAY - SUN 5 JUL

## Experience of the Spirit **POETRY FOR THE SOUL**

£54



MON 18 MAY

## Exploring the Living Quaker Tradition **JESUS FOR QUAKERS: A PERSISTENT QUESTION**

Pay-as-Led

'Jesus the Jew of Nazareth, ... to me, puts a question mark and an exclamation mark to everything. It is not a matter of saying "Jesus is the answer". It would be true and more useful to say that Jesus is the question' (Hugh Pyper, Quaker Faith and Practice 26.55). Timothy Ashworth has been exploring the Bible with Friends at Woodbrooke and in local meetings for many years. Join Tim for this pay-as-led taster on Jesus for Friends. He will share his questions; come and share yours or simply sit back, listen and ponder.

**Tutor:** Timothy Ashworth

In his book 'A Splash of Words: Believing in Poetry', Mark Oakley says 'like throwing a pebble into water, a poem causes a splash of words whose ripples can transform the way we see the world, ourselves and God'. In this course we will look at poems from across traditions, cultures and centuries and consider what they can tell us about how to live, how to pray and how to understand our world.

People turn to poetry at times of great joy and great sadness, at weddings and at funerals. Poetry has a lot to offer us in this time of uncertainty and change. This is a course for people who love poetry and for people who are afraid of poetry. Like ministry, poetry can say different things to different people and some of it may not speak to us immediately. Hearing the insights of others can open up a poem for us.

Participants will be invited to have open conversations and engage in creative activities to deepen their responses to the poems. We will also consider how the poems speak to and help us deepen our spiritual practice.

*This course involves a time commitment of two to three hours per week including a weekly live webinar at 2pm every Wednesday. A recording will be made available for anyone who is unable to attend at that time.*

**Tutors:** Tracey Martin and Philip Gross



MON 25 MAY - SUN 5 JUL

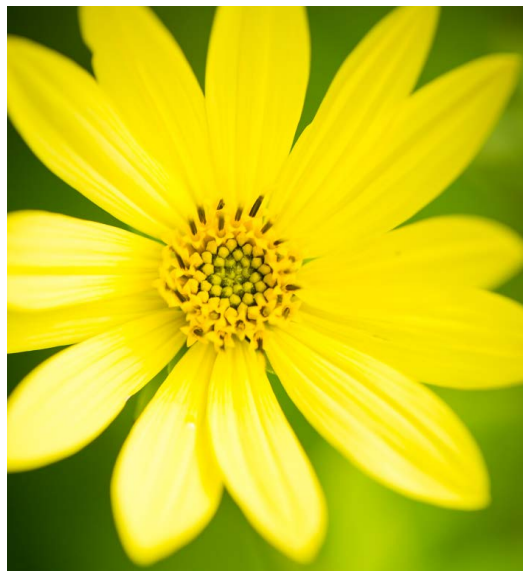
## Exploring the Living Quaker Tradition BIBLE STUDY FOR QUAKERS

£54

Do you find the Bible intimidating but intriguing? Do you want to engage your meeting in Bible study? This course will help you to find your way around the Bible and understand the distinctive Quaker approach to scripture. You will closely study several Biblical texts and reflect with others on your experience of the Bible. Each of the six units will be accompanied by a group study plan, supporting you in sharing your learning with your local Quaker community. Each unit contains video, audio and written materials to engage with, and forums to share reflections and ask questions.

*There will be live online Q&As (19.00-20.00 UK time) on Tuesday 26th May and Tuesday 30th June. If you can't join this discussion live, it will be recorded for you to watch at your convenience. This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.*

**Tutor: Mark Russ**



TUE 26 MAY

## Exploring the Living Quaker Tradition HEAVEN ON EARTH

15:00 to 16:30 (UK time) • Pay-as-Led

In this live webinar conversation, Timothy Ashworth, Ben Pink Dandelion and Stuart Masters will explore the importance of a vision of heaven on earth for both the early church and the early Quaker movement. How have these expectations changed over time and what do they mean for us today? This pay-as-led session can be enjoyed as an interesting exploration on its own, or as an introduction to the seven live webinars on this theme in June and July.

**Tutors: Timothy Ashworth, Ben Pink Dandelion and Stuart Masters**

WED 27 MAY

## Nurturing our Quaker Community WORSHIP, MINISTRY AND AFTERWORD

16:00 (UK time) • Pay-as-Led

How do we encourage quality and depth in Quaker worship and spoken ministry? Everyone in a Quaker community, and especially those with eldership responsibility, should consider this issue sometimes. Some things are simple, like encouraging people to arrive with hearts and minds prepared. Other things involve bigger changes: in my research on 'afterwords' in 2016, I found that lots of Quaker meetings had experimented with afterwords, joys and concerns, and other ways of making their worship time more fruitful and inclusive. In this workshop, we'll look at the process of attending meeting for worship: arriving, centring down, prayer, ministry, afterwords or other options, notices, social time, and leaving.

**Tutor: Rhiannon Grant**



MON 1 JUN - SUN 28 JUN

## Experience of the Spirit SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR EVERY DAY

£36

How do you make space in your day to be spiritually present? What spiritual practices resonate with you? This course is an opportunity to explore what we mean by 'spiritual practice' and why it is important. You will be offered a variety of spiritual practices to work with, in your own time. We will all share our experiences together as an online community using forums.

*The course will include a live Quiet Day on Saturday 13 June 2020 (10:00 – 16:00 UK time), that you can take part in wherever you are.*

**Tutor: Mark Russ**



# WOODBROOKE

## Needs Your Support



**The Covid-19 lockdown has had a serious impact on Woodbrooke's long term finances.**

We want to sustain our Quaker learning, worship and, connection throughout the next few months and in the years to come.

**Please consider supporting Woodbrooke so we can continue to make a difference in the world.**

Find out more and how you can help at:

[www.woodbrooke.org.uk/donate](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/donate)

Or get in touch: [enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk)

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## ONLINE LEARNING

MON 1 JUN - MON 13 JUL

Engagement in the World

### AN INTRODUCTION TO PEACE EDUCATION

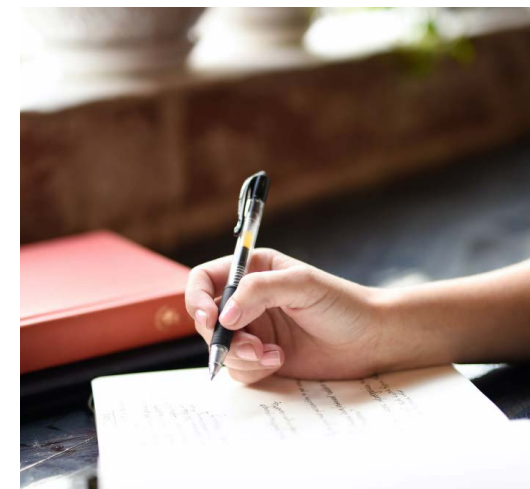
£36

*Woodbrooke and Quaker Peace and Social Witness Quakers in Britain working in partnership.*

This introduction to the theory and practice of peace education draws upon the experience of Quaker Peace and Social Witness to explore how we can support the development of children's inner peace, help children to understand conflict and their relationship with it, and engage children with wider peace issues, from the ethics of armed drones to conscientious objection and human rights. We will endeavour to establish a supportive learning community and encourage reflective practice and peer learning and assessment.

*This course involves a time commitment of approximately 3 hours per week.*

**Tutors: Isabel Cartwright and Ellis Brooks**



MON 1 JUN - SUN 12 JUL

Training for Quaker Roles

### ELDERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT

£115

This six-week online course will help all those serving in eldership and oversight to gain better understanding and confidence in their role – whatever the system in their meeting. The six modules cover the full range of topics included in the separate and combined eldership and oversight onsite courses, with options to focus on elements of particular relevance. You should allow two to three hours a week for pursuing this course.

*There is no requirement to be online at a particular time except for a one-hour webinar once a week. These Zoom video meetings are planned to allow for different time zones. Times and dates will be provided as early as possible in advance of the course start date.*

**Tutors: Zelig Gross, Martin Pennock, Ros Baverstock, Liz Eddington and Gilly Charters**





TUE 2 JUN - TUE 30 JUN

Exploring the Living Quaker Tradition

## THE ROOTS OF THE QUAKER WAY

£54

What are the roots of the Quaker way? How were early Friends influenced by their religious context? This online course will consider the connections between Quakers and other radical groups, such as the Beguines, the Rhineland Mystics, the Anabaptists, the Family of Love, and the Radical Puritans. We will look at how late medieval movements, the radical wing of the Reformation, and the English Revolution helped shape the religious culture out of which the Quaker movement emerged.

**Tutor: Stuart Masters**

THU 4 JUN - THU 16 JUL

Exploring the Living Quaker Tradition

## HEAVEN ON EARTH

£54

*This course is based on seven live webinars run every Thursday at 15.00 (UK time) from 4 June to 16 July.*

The Quaker movement began with an extraordinary confidence that the kingdom of heaven was arriving on earth. The living word of Christ was sounding among his people and transformation was at hand for those who heard and responded. Ideas that had become part of Christian doctrine such as the second coming and the expectation that God's righteousness would triumph in the affairs of the world were perceived as imminent realities. Friends felt they were living in the same Spirit as the early followers of Jesus and this brought vivid meaning to the teaching and stories of the New Testament. But just as change came for the first Christians, so Quakers had to adapt their thinking once the world did not transform in the 1650s. We will explore the new vision that animated both movements as well as how they responded when their expectations were not met. There will be plenty of input, a chance to hear the three course leaders in discussion each week as well as time to reflect on where this leaves the Quaker faith today. Is there meaning we can draw out of this central part of our faith tradition for the challenges of our lives today? What might heaven on earth mean for us now?

**Tutors: Timothy Ashworth, Ben Pink Dandelion and Stuart Masters**



MON 8 JUN - SUN 19 JUL

Training for Quaker Roles

## EXPLORING QUAKER CHAPLAINCY

£115

Are you a Quaker chaplain in hospital, prison, school or university or in any other work or community setting? Or considering starting chaplaincy? This online course will be an opportunity for sharing, supporting and developing your ministry. We will explore the connections between different settings. Over the six weeks of this course, we will encourage you to take a couple of hours a week to reflect on your work, share your experiences, ideas and insights, and come away refreshed.

*This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.*

**Tutors: Jason Evans, Joannie Harrison and Denise Renshaw**

MON 15 JUN - SUN 26 JUL

Training for Quaker Roles

## BEING A QUAKER TRUSTEE

£115

This six-week online course will provide easy-to-understand information and enjoyable learning, to make trusteeship approachable and rewarding. We will be factual and practical, but all we do will be underpinned by the spiritual question of what trusteeship means within Quakers? What does God require of us? What does the law require? What is considered good practice for charities? How does this fit with Quaker good practice? How do trustees, area and local meetings relate to each other? How can trustees best serve our meetings? This course is particularly suitable for new/less experienced Area Meeting trustees. *This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.*

**Tutors: Linda Craig and Chris Willmore**



# POSTGRADUATE STUDY AND RESEARCH

with the Centre for Research in Quaker Studies



Online taught courses leading to a Postgraduate Certificate in Quaker Studies or MA in Quakerism in the Modern World and distance learning with supervision leading to MA by research or PhD.

For more detailed information on these postgraduate options, entry requirements, fees and how to apply for the 2020-21 academic year, please visit [woodbrooke.org.uk/crqs](http://woodbrooke.org.uk/crqs)

The Centre for Research in Quaker Studies works in partnership with the University of Birmingham and Lancaster University.



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## ONLINE LEARNING

MON 29 JUN - SUN 26 JUL

Engagement in the World

### TESTIMONY; FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

£36

We see Testimony as transformation resulting from our relationship with God, leading us into a spirit-led life which may be at odds with the surrounding culture. This course will look at our own lives, how we are transformed and in turn transform the world around us.

This course will explore Testimony; we will consider a biblical basis, our understanding of Testimony over the last 60 years and how we live as a Quaker in the world today.

This online course will look at what we are called to do and how we are called to do it. Can we find our authentic voice together?

'...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.'

Galatians 5:22-23

Tutor: Maud Grainger



MON 10 AUG - SUN 20 SEP

Engagement in the World

### BAYARD RUSTIN: REFLECTIONS ON HIS LIFE AND WITNESS

£54

Bayard Rustin was one of the most important civil, human and labour rights activists. African American and gay, his life's work was in standing up for marginalised people. He was an important influence on Martin Luther King, persuading him to adopt the principles of non-violent resistance in the struggle for civil rights. This online course will explore how he put his Quaker faith into action. A study of his writings and songs, as well as literature, film and art inspired by him, will allow us to approach his life from a variety of perspectives.

Tutors: Nicole Hirschfelder and Martin Layton

MON 14 SEP - SUN 25 OCT

Training for Quaker Roles

## ELDERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT

£115

This six-week online course will help all those serving in eldership and oversight to gain better understanding and confidence in their role – whatever the system in their meeting. The six modules cover the full range of topics included in the separate and combined eldership and oversight onsite courses, with options to focus on elements of particular relevance. You should allow two to three hours a week for pursuing this course.

*There is no requirement to be online at a particular time except for a one-hour webinar once a week. These Zoom video meetings are planned to allow for different time zones. Times and dates will be provided as early as possible in advance of the course start date.*

**Tutors:** Members of the Eldership and Oversight Tutor Team

MON 14 SEP - SUN 18 OCT

Nurturing our Quaker Community

## BEING A QUAKER COMMUNITY OF WITNESS AND WELCOME

£54

Quakers have a treasure to share with the world – the liberating power of following the promptings of love and truth in our hearts. Rather than treating ‘outreach’ as an event, this course asks how Quaker communities can witness to the power of the Quaker discovery, and welcome those who seek it, all year round, making witness and welcome a way of life. This course offers thought-provoking discussion, practical suggestions and is a collaboration between Quaker Life and Woodbrooke.

**Tutors:** Mark Russ, Alistair Fuller and Jon Martin

MON 21 SEP - FRI 16 OCT

Engagement in the World

## LIVING THE PEACE TESTIMONY

£36

How has the peace testimony been lived through history? How do Quakers in other countries live it? How can we work on peace globally? This is a series of 4 webinars which will cover early Quakers, the 1914-18 world war, peace activism in East Africa and quiet diplomacy. It is a chance to learn about historical and current Quaker peace work and think about how it might inform our own witness.

**Tutor:** Tracey Martin

MON 28 SEP - SUN 8 NOV

Experience of the Spirit

## A TASTE OF LIFE WRITING FOR TRANSFORMATION™

£54

This self-paced course introduces a process of writing for authentic, creative self-expression and personal development. A “no red pens” approach results in greater awareness, mindfulness and self-acceptance through a gentle stream of guided tools you can use just five minutes at a time. The course includes six multimedia modules and a workbook, based on the work of Joanne Klassen, creator of Life Writing for Transformation™. Each module introduces key concepts from the book followed by exercises, examples, a review and additional optional learning activities.

*This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.*

**Tutors:** Joanne Klassen and Eleanor Chornoboy



MON 12 OCT - SUN 22 NOV

Training for Quaker Roles

## BEING A QUAKER CLERK

£115

This online course, for new or prospective clerks with little or no experience of Quaker clerking, is based on the on-site course with the same name. The five modules cover the clerk’s role before, during and after a Meeting for Worship for Business. We also consider why we use our particular business style in our meetings. We will focus on clerking local meetings, but clerks of other meetings, including area meetings, will also find they can learn much about their role.

*This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.*

**Tutor:** Linda Craig



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to you and your meeting

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## ONLINE LEARNING

SUN 25 OCT - SAT 31 OCT

Exploring the Living Quaker Tradition

### THE LIFE STIRRING WITHIN: A WEEK-LONG ONLINE RETREAT WITH ISAAC PENINGTON

£36

With his focus on the interior life, spiritual struggle and experiential knowledge of the divine, Isaac Penington's writings encapsulate the fundamentals of Quaker spirituality. Each day you will receive a section of his writing with commentary and further spiritual reading along with a spiritual exercise and questions to focus on.

*On Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings between 18.30 and 19.30 (UK time) you have the option of joining Timothy Ashworth and others on the retreat for online worship, listening and sharing together.*

**Tutors:** Timothy Ashworth and Martin Layton

MON 19 OCT - SUN 29 NOV

Training for Quaker Roles

### QUAKER NOMINATIONS

£115

An entirely online course for anyone involved in Quaker nominations. We will aim to root ourselves in good practices of discernment whilst responding to the particular issues that face us. Nominations are at the quiet heart of the way we live together as Friends, when we listen faithfully to the Spirit. By taking two to three hours a week over six weeks to reflect, we hope you will gain a renewed insight into the potential of nominations to strengthen meetings and enable them to flourish.

*This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.*

**Tutors:** Christine Habgood-Coote and Catherine Putz



MON 2 NOV - SUN 29 NOV

Exploring the Living Quaker Tradition

## THE MEANING OF THE CROSS: PUNISHMENT, OR HEALING AND RECONCILIATION?

£54

Many of us struggle with the Bible's sacrificial imagery and are troubled by the idea that God punishes Jesus for our sins. In this course we will explore alternative understandings of the cross drawing on the early Church, peace church traditions, theologies of liberation, and the work of Rene Girard. Can we move beyond violent punishment and embrace a faith based on healing and reconciliation?

Tutor: Stuart Masters

MON 2 NOV - SUN 13 DEC

Nurturing our Quaker Community

## THE QUAKER WAY

£54

Are you relatively new to Quakers and keen to find out more? This course sets out the Quaker 'basics'. It will give you an understanding of the history and international reach of Quakerism, and the importance of spiritual experience to the Quaker Way. We will discuss what happens in a Meeting for Worship and how Quakers make decisions and organise themselves. We will explore what Quakers mean by 'testimony' and explain simple spiritual practices for you to experiment with.

Tutor: Mark Russ



MON 9 NOV - SUN 6 DEC

Exploring the Living Quaker Tradition

## EXPECTANT WAITING: REFLECTIONS FROM THE BIBLE AND QUAKERS, FROM THEOLOGY AND POETRY

£54

The silence of Quaker meeting is not an end in itself. It carries a sense of waiting. At any time, this can give rise to a depth that is collectively felt by those present. Or be the occasion of inspired words, heard by one individual or shared with the whole gathering.

This online course is made up of four weekly webinars in which we will explore this theme of waiting, bringing together the reflections of Quakers with words of scripture, theology and poetry.

Tutor: Timothy Ashworth





# Woodbrooke's Learning and Research Team



**Simon Best** has overall responsibility for Woodbrooke's learning programmes. He is passionate about creating opportunities for Quakers

to learn and grow individually and together. Simon is responsible for supporting the Swarthmore Lecture Programme.

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**Ben Pink Dandelion** has worked at Woodbrooke since 1992. He teaches in the areas of Quaker history and theology as well as contemporary

Quakerism. He has written in particular on the theology of Quaker worship, on how we can celebrate our Quaker faith and why we do things the way we do. Ben has also made a particular study of Quakerism in terms of wider Christian theology of the second coming of Christ. His main academic work is in the sociology of religion. He worships in Clitheroe, part of Pendle Hill Area Meeting.

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**Stuart Masters** offers learning opportunities that explore the roots of the Quaker way, its theology, spirituality and relationship with other traditions.

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**Betty Hagglund** is Librarian and Learning Resources Manager, and has overall responsibility for Woodbrooke's library and archive. She is

particularly interested in early Quaker history and writings.

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**Tracey Martin** facilitates courses on hope, non-violence, peace and responses to the climate crisis. She has a particular interest in poetry and spirituality.

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**Mark Russ** is Programmes Coordinator for Equipping for Ministry. His interests include Christian and Quaker theology and the Bible,

spirituality, intentional community and hope. He blogs at [jollyquaker.com](http://jollyquaker.com). Mark came to Quakers in his late teens, and spent a decade as a music teacher in secondary and primary schools in Birmingham and London. He holds MAs in Music Education from the Institute of Education and in Systematic and Philosophical Theology from the University of Nottingham.

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**Maud Grainger** works on supporting Friends in their engagement with the climate crisis; through workshops, retreats and sharing her own experience. She also supports wider teaching on Quaker understanding of testimony and living our faith in the world.

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**Rhiannon Grant** is a life-long Quaker who researches and writes about religious language and practices. Her recent work includes

'Telling the truth about God' (Christian Alternative, 2019) and 'Quakers Do What! Why?' (Christian Alternative, 2020). She also supports our postgraduate programmes and research work.

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**Timothy Ashworth** draws on biblical study, retreat work and interfaith dialogue to illuminate the nature of spiritual transformation.

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# Woodbrooke's Associate Tutors

Woodbrooke has a large number of associate tutors who deliver many of our courses. You can find details about the tutors for each course in the listings and on our website.

**Alistair Fuller** is head of the Ministry and Outreach team at BYM. His work focuses on helping seekers to discover Quakers and on nurturing and supporting Quaker communities.

**Ben Wood** was recently a Lecturer in Theology and Religious Studies at Leeds Trinity. His interests include theological ethics, Quaker history and philosophies of knowledge.

**Catherine Putz** is a Quaker, celebrant, Area Meeting Clerk and served as co-clerk on Central Nominations Committee.

**Chris Willmore**, a former barrister, has been an Area Meeting Clerk, trustee, Clerk to Trustees, and a non-Quaker trustee.

**Christine Habgood-Coote** worked as a GP and medical educator. She has served as co-clerk of Central Nominations Committee.

**Denise Renshaw** is member of Wilmslow Local Meeting, East Cheshire AM. She's been the Quaker Prison Chaplain at HMP Styal since 2003. HM Prison Styal is a Closed Category prison for female adults and young offenders in Styal, Cheshire.

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